



# **Division of Workers' Compensation**

Electronic Billing Regulation Update  
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## **Statutory Authority**

### **California Labor Code section 4603.4**

The administrative director directed to adopt rules to:

- Require standardized billing forms to be used by health care providers and facilities
- Require acceptance by employers of electronic claims for payment of medical services.
- Ensure confidentiality of medical information submitted on electronic claims

Electronic billing standards consistent with the federal **Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)** *to the extent feasible*.

Implementation period of 18 months between adoption of regulation and mandatory acceptance of ebills

# Development of Billing Rules

- DWC convened Electronic Billing Advisory Committee
- IAIABC model Electronic Billing and Payment Companion Guide
- Draft rules on DWC Forum website
- Formal rulemaking
  - Commenced March 2010
  - 4 Comment Periods
  - Adopted on April 18, 2011

# Where Are the Regulations?

Access regulations on the DWC rulemaking page:  
<http://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/dwcRulemaking.html>

- Text of Regulations, title 8, CCR § 9792.5 et seq.
- Medical Billing and Payment Guide 2011
- Electronic Medical Billing and Payment Companion Guide 2012
- Documents Incorporated by Reference

DWC educational website for the public is under construction

# Compliance Dates

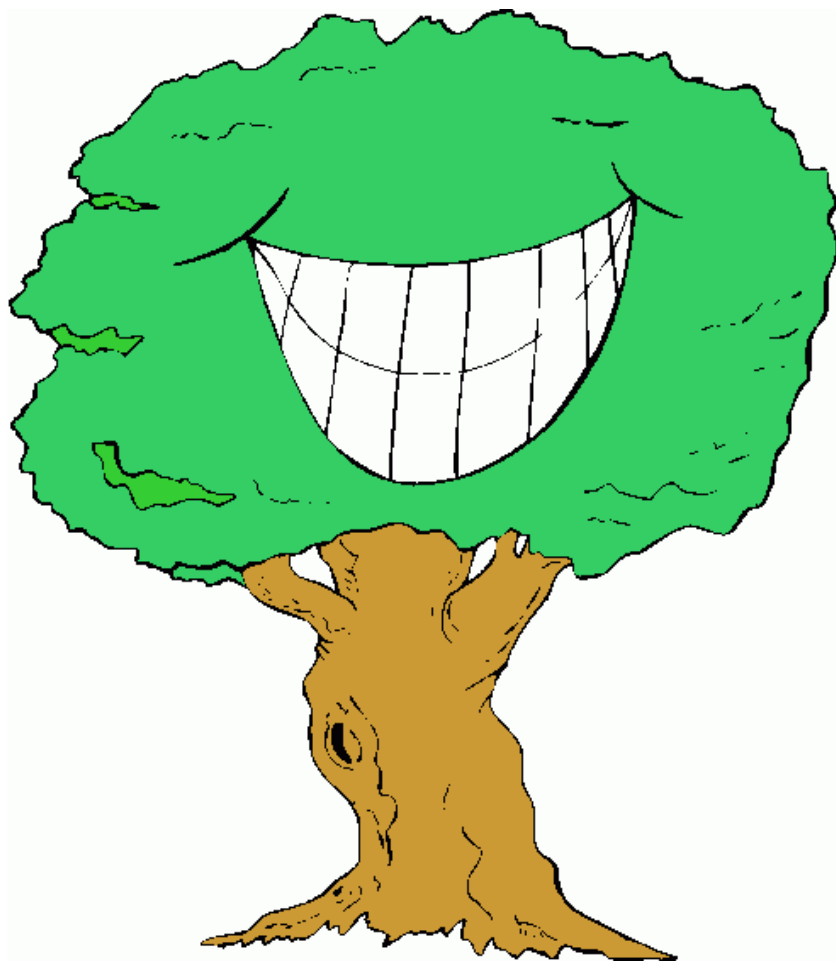
- Medical Billing and Payment Guide 2011
  - **Oct. 15, 2011**
- Electronic Medical and Billing Payment Companion Guide 2012
  - **Oct. 18, 2012**
  - Electronic billing is optional for medical providers
  - Capability to accept electronic bills is mandatory for claims administrators

# The Future

- DWC welcomes suggestions for improvements to the billing rules/guides
- Anticipate rulemaking for “clean up”
- DWC will continue to work with the IAIABC on electronic billing issues

# Evolution







# Questions?

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